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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS VILLAGE OF STRATTON

North Platte, Neb., May 19, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a \$797,000 loan and \$404,000 grant to the Village of Stratton, Neb. Funds will construct a new well field, build a transmission main from the well field to the existing distribution system and assist in painting of the existing storage tank. Water improvement project totaling over \$1.2 million will assist the Village's 396 rural residents.

"The drought conditions have taken a toll on Stratton's water quantity and quality. USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist the Village with this project that will enable them to provide safe drinking water to their residents," stated Roberta Mues, community programs specialist for USDA Rural Development.

USDA funds provided through the Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant program and Water and Waste Disposal Loan program. Loan terms are 40 years at 4.25 percent interest.

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